

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Shinichi AYABE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1638

Serial Number: 09/890,646

Examiner: R. Kallis

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For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE ENCODING 2-HYDROXYISOFLAVANONE SYNTHASE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 15, 2003

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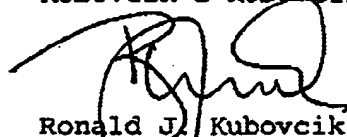
Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, for three months from June 13, 2003, to September 13, 2003.

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